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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

January 25, 2019

Council Updates

February Council Meetings Rescheduled

Due to several conflicts, Council rescheduled the February Council Meetings to **Thursday, February 7** and **Wednesday, February 20**. [Council Meeting agendas are posted here](#) three days prior to the meeting.

Council Discusses Potential Regulations for Short Term Housing

Short term rentals are generally defined as renting a home or a portion of a home for stays of less than 30 days. Given the popularity of apps such as Airbnb, the use of short term rentals in residential areas has increased, including in Addison. During a work session on January 22, Assistant Director of Development Services Charles Goff shared with Council how other area cities have begun to regulate short term rentals.

Council indicated that they were interested in exploring a registration process for short term rentals in Addison, as well as collecting hotel tax, which is allowed by law. Staff will begin drafting an ordinance for Council to review and discuss at a future meeting.

You can watch the Council's [short term rental discussion here](#) and [view the presentation here](#).

Lesli Gray Appointed to Board of Zoning Adjustment

Council approved the appointment of Lesli Gray to the Board of Zoning Adjustment at the January 22 Council Meeting. Mrs. Gray will fill the unexpired term of Matthew Horine who was appointed to serve until December 31, 2019. Mr. Horine, who has moved out of Addison, notified Council of his resignation in January. Board of Zoning Adjustment members serve two-year terms which run concurrently with the Council Member who appointed them. Mr. Horine was appointed by Ivan Hughes, who also nominated Mrs. Gray.

Finance Committee Submits First Quarter Update

The Finance Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The Committee, which includes Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Council Member Ivan Hughes, and Council Member Marlin Willesen, reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the following matters:

- Quarterly financial reports
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- Long-term debt capacity of the Town
- Engagement of independent accounting firms to audit the financial statements
- Review the adequacy and implementation of an internal audit function

The Committee meets monthly and is required to provide quarterly reports to the Council. At the January 22 Council Meeting, Council approved the committee's [Fiscal Year 2019 first quarter update](#).

Council Votes to Amend NTECC Agreement

In January 2015, Addison, Farmers Branch, Carrollton, Coppell and North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC) entered into a Consolidated Public Safety Communications Services agreement to provide Public Safety Dispatch services to all four cities. At the January 22 meeting, Council approved an amendment to reflect the original intent of the governing agreement regarding the shared funding of NTECC's Annual Expense Budget.

Currently Addison pays 19% of the expense budget. With the adoption of the agreement amendment by all four cities, that percentage will be determined by Addison's call volume during the three most recent calendar years in relation to the total call volume for all of the cities for the same three calendar years. This new calculation will be effective beginning with Fiscal Year 2021.

You can watch the [Council's discussion on the NTECC agreement amendment](#) here or read the [NTECC presentation here](#).

Business Pulse

Meet and Greet at CU Members Mortgage



On January 17, Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Braun, Council Member Ivan Hughes, Economic Development and Tourism Director Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr met with the executive team from CU Members Mortgage. Senior Vice President Steve Hewins and Office Manager Chelsea Sims shared with the Addison team the company's history and their vision to grow in the future. As a division of Colonial Savings, CU Members Mortgage serves the mortgage lending needs of credit unions across the country, providing individuals with home loan solutions through their trusted credit unions. For more information on CU Members Mortgage, visit their [website](#).

Addison Economic Development Team Meets with Knight Services



On Tuesday, January 22, Mayor Joe Chow, Economic Development and Tourism Director Orlando Campos, and Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr visited [Knight Services, Inc.](#) Addison representatives met with the Knight Services executive team which included President Peter Tredennick, Director of Construction Services Joel Beakley, and Adam McKelvey. During the meeting they discussed Knight Services' recent relocation to Addison and the future of development in the area.

Around Town

Episcopal School of Dallas Students and Faculty Visit Addison TreeHouse



On Wednesday, January 23, approximately 48 juniors and seniors from Episcopal School of Dallas visited the Addison TreeHouse. The students are part of an elective semester-long course focusing on entrepreneurialism. During the course, the students write a business plan, launch a business, and then have a “Shark Tank” type of pitch competition. They visited the TreeHouse to meet with real entrepreneurs to glean from their experiences and become more inspired. Aside from welcoming the students to Addison, Mayor Joe Chow also shared some of his experiences as an entrepreneur.

Taste Addison is Back, May 31 - June 2!



The countdown has officially begun for **Taste Addison 2019**, the legendary food and music festival that began in 1993. Taste Addison has moved to a new weekend this year and will take place May 31 - June 2 at Addison Circle Park. Headliners will be announced in February, so stay tuned and follow us on social @VisitAddison to be the first to know. To get more information and grab your tickets early, visit TasteAddisonTexas.com.

Partial Closure of Club's Basketball Gym Begins Monday

Starting on Monday, January 28, half of the basketball gym at the Addison Athletic Club will be closed for one to two weeks as work progresses on the HVAC project. Work in the weight room will continue and some areas will be blocked from use. For your safety and that of the contractors, please allow them space to work.

Throughout the HVAC project, closures will be posted on the [Athletic Club's Facebook page](#), as well as at the club. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve the Athletic Club.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is Available for Community Review



The draft report of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is now available for community review and comment. You can view the [report here](#) and the [appendix here](#).

The Master Plan will serve as a tool that will guide staff in addressing the park and recreational needs of Addison in future years. We encourage you to read the report, along with the associated appendix, and invite you to provide feedback by February 1. Comments can be provided by e-mailing or calling Director of Parks and Recreation Janna Tidwell at jtidwell@addisontx.gov or 972-450-2869.

Thank you to all the residents who took time to participate in the surveys that we conducted. The information you provided set the framework upon which this plan was developed.

The Master Plan consultant will present the plan to Council for discussion during a work session on February 20. We invite you to attend.



**Friday, January 25 -
Sunday, January 27**

WTT Presents: *Dark Circles Contemporary Dance*

Addison Theatre Centre
15650 Addison Road

[Click here for showtimes and tickets.](#)

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Town Hall:
972-450-7000

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